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President: Mr. Rosenthal (Guatemala)

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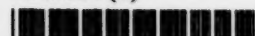
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The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (continued) (E/2003/104)

1. **The President** drew the attention of the Council to the request for observer status submitted by the Helsinki Commission (E/2003/104), noting that the Bureau had recommended its approval. He took it that the Council wished to grant observer status to the Helsinki Commission.

2. *It was so decided.*

Elections

International Narcotics Control Board
(E/2003/L.3/Add.12, Add.14, Add.15 and Add.16)

3. **The President** invited the Council to elect one member to the International Narcotics Control Board in order to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Ms. Rosa Maria del Castillo of Peru. He drew attention to the list of candidates contained in documents E/2003/L.3/Add.12 and pointed out that the candidates proposed by the Governments of Greece, Jamaica, Serbia and Montenegro and Thailand had been withdrawn.

4. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Ohashi (Japan) and Ms. Arias (Peru) acted as tellers.*

A vote was taken by secret ballot:

Number of ballot papers:	54
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Levitsky (United States of America)	35
Mr. Michols (Canada)	13
Mr. Ibrahim (Lebanon)	3
Mr. Zaragoza Aguado (Spain)	2
Mr. Levitanov (Belarus)	1

5. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Levitsky (United States of America) was elected a member of the International Narcotics Control Board.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

6. **The President** said that the Group of Western European and Other States had endorsed the candidature of Greece to fill one of the three vacancies on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. He took it that the Council wished to elect Greece by acclamation for a term which would begin immediately and expire on 31 December 2006.

7. *It was so decided.*

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

8. **The President** said that the Group of African States had nominated Ethiopia and the Group of Western European and Other States had nominated Italy, Malta and Portugal to fill vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a term which would begin immediately and expire on 31 December 2005. In addition, the Group of African States had nominated Benin, the Group of Asian States had nominated Cyprus and Thailand, the Group of Eastern European States had nominated Poland and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had nominated Brazil to fill vacancies for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004. He took it that the Council wished to elect those candidates by acclamation.

9. *It was so decided.*

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)
(E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

10. **The President** drew attention to document E/2003/L.3/Add.13 and informed the Council that there were 10 seats to be filled on the newly created Executive Board of INSTRAW. The Philippines had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States, El Salvador and Mexico had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and Spain had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States. He took it that the Council wished to elect the proposed candidates by acclamation and to postpone to a later stage the election of the remaining members.

11. *It was so decided.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

12. **The President** said that the Group of African States had nominated Cameroon, the Group of Asian States had nominated the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had nominated Guyana and the Group of Eastern European States had nominated Belarus to fill the outstanding vacancies on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award. He took it that the Council wished to elect those candidates for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

13. *It was so decided.*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

14. **The President** said that the Group of Western European and Other States had endorsed the candidature of Israel to fill the remaining vacancy on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. He took it that the Council wished to elect Israel by acclamation for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

15. *It was so decided.*

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

16. **The President** informed the Council that Germany would be relinquishing its seat on the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS at the end of the current year and that the Group of Western European and Other States had endorsed the candidature of France to complete Germany's term, which would end on 31 December 2004. He therefore took it that the Council wished to elect France to the Board for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

17. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

18. **The President** said that the Group of Western European and Other States had endorsed the candidatures of Greece and Norway to fill the two vacancies on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme. He took it that the Council wished to elect Greece and Norway by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

19. *It was so decided.*

Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)

20. **The President** drew the attention to document E/2003/15/Add.2 which referred to a resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and invited the Council to take note of it.

21. *It was so decided.*

Economic and environmental questions**(h) International cooperation in tax matters**

22. **The President** informed the Council that a request had been made to change the date of the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters from 10 to 14 November to 15 to 19 December 2003. He took it that the Council wished to approve that request.

23. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 4.05 p.m.